



City of San Marcos

630 East Hopkins
San Marcos, TX 78666

Regular Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

630 E. Hopkins St.

I. Call To Order

With a quorum present, the regular meeting of the San Marcos City Council was called to order by Mayor Hughson at 6:05 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2026. This meeting was held both in-person and online.

II. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mayor Pro Tem Shane Scott, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Alyssa Garza, Council Member Amanda Rodriguez, Mayor Jane Hughson, Council Member Lorenzo Gonzalez, Council Member Matthew Mendoza and Council Member Josh Paselk

III. Invocation

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Ric Robertson, New Zion church, San Marcos.

IV. Pledges of Allegiance - United States and Texas

V. Citizen Comment Period

Angelita Robbins addressed the Council on behalf of Mission Able, a nonprofit organization, expressing gratitude for the assistance the organization provided in repairing a leaking roof at her home.

Refugia Lucio spoke in support of Mission Able, explaining that the group repaired severe damage to her 60-year-old home caused by a major roof leak. She praised staff, including Mr. Evans, and urged the city to continue funding the organization.

Rodrigo Amaya, raised concerns about SMPD's handling of the Gerardo Reyes arrest, citing poor oversight and unauthorized training. He questioned the adequacy of a 24-hour suspension and called for stronger accountability.

Amy Camp called for full transparency on the March 14 arrests, requesting

release of footage and recordings, an investigation into possible racial bias, and public support for dropping charges against Esteban and releasing Gerardo. She said the City's response had been insufficient.

Guadalupe Sarinana described her family's trauma since March 14, noting her father's detention, emotional strain on her mother and brother, and difficulties obtaining records. She questioned whether the incident would have been acknowledged without their livestream and urged the Council to make transparency standard, saying accountability shouldn't depend on video.

Maxfield Baker asked the Council to hold town halls before renegotiating the police civil service contract and raised concerns about unposted meeting minutes since 2022. He noted the Attorney General ordered their release and urged the City to post all overdue minutes.

Chrispy Polanco discussed participating in a disability-rights march and then spoke out against the officer's conduct in the March 14 Reyes incident, calling for termination. He referenced other cases as evidence of longstanding racial disparities in local policing.

Sam Young commented on two issues. He said recent council amendments on the Land Development Code—especially those on data centers—could have been submitted earlier to avoid extending the meeting. He also supported installing Flock license plate readers, citing shooting incidents in nearby cities, and asked for an update on any proposed program.

Nancy Moore questioned the lack of public awareness around the Hopkins Downtown City Hall study, raising concerns about a potential conflict with Upward Communities, long-term financial risks, and environmental impacts. She noted the land had been recommended as parkland and urged broader public engagement.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Paselk to approve items 1-13. Item 14 was pulled and considered separately after the public hearing.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Pro Tem Scott, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Garza, Council Member Rodriguez, Mayor Hughson, Council Member Gonzalez, Council Member Mendoza and Council Member Paselk

Against: 0

1. Consider approval by motion, of the following meeting minutes:
 - A. April 21, 2026 - Work Session Meeting Minutes
 - B. April 21, 2026 - Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Consider approval of Ordinance 2026-19, on the second of two readings, annexing into the city approximately 1.45 acres of land located at 1904 Old Ranch Road 12 (Case No. AN-26-01), in Hays County, Texas; including procedural provisions; and declaring an effective date.
3. Consider approval of Ordinance 2026-20, on the second of two readings, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City in Case No. ZC-26-02 by rezoning approximately 1.45 acres of land, located at 1904 Old Ranch Road 12, from Future Development District (FD) to Commercial District (CM), or, subject to the consent of the owner, another less intense zoning district classification; including procedural provisions; and declaring an effective date.
4. Consider approval of Ordinance 2026-21, on the second of two readings, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City in Case No. ZC-26-01 by rezoning approximately 0.60 acres of land located at 1005 and 1007 Columbia Avenue and 1401 Marlton Street from Single Family- 6 District (SF-6) to Single Family-4.5 District (SF-4.5), or, subject to consent of the owner, another less intense zoning district classification, including procedural provisions; and declaring an effective date.
5. Consider approval of Ordinance 2026-22, on the second of two readings, amending the City's 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget to adjust revenue and expenditure accounts in multiple operating, special revenue, and enterprise funds; including procedural provisions; and declaring an effective date.
6. Consider approval of Ordinance 2026-23, on the second of two readings, designating four parking spaces for San Marcos Police parking only and designating such spaces as no parking tow-away zones, as authorized in Section 82.161 of the San Marcos City Code, to improve police accessibility and response times, and to enhance downtown security operations during peak activity hours from 5:00 P.M. to 3:00 A.M. daily; including procedural provisions; and declaring an effective date.
7. Consider approval of Resolution 2026-78R, approving an Interlocal Purchase Agreement with the Office of State of Oklahoma Management and Enterprise Services providing for a cooperative purchasing program for the purchase of two 26-foot, 16-passenger buses; authorizing the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the Interlocal Purchase Agreement on behalf of the city; and declaring an effective date.
8. Consider approval of Resolution 2026-79R, approving a contract with Model1 Commercial Vehicles, through the State of Oklahoma Cooperative Purchasing Program, for the purchase of two 26-foot, 16-passenger buses for use in the city's public transportation service in the amount of \$356,656.00, of which \$1,217.00 is to be paid by the city and the balance to be paid by the Federal Transit Administration and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization; authorizing the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the city; and declaring an effective date.
9. Consider approval of Resolution 2026-80R, approving a contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to develop a Transit Development Plan for Public Transportation services in the amount of \$199,570.00 of which \$39,914.00 will be paid by the city and \$159,656.00 will be

paid by the Federal Transit Administration; authorizing the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the city; and declaring an effective date.

10. Consider approval of Resolution 2026-81R, approving the purchase of a commercial rooftop air conditioning unit from Trane U.S. Inc., through the BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative Program, to replace an existing unit at the Embassy Suites San Marcos Convention Center, in the amount of \$138,928.00; authorizing the City Manager, or her designee, to execute documents necessary to complete the purchase on behalf of the city; and declaring an effective date .
11. Consider approval of Resolution 2026-82R, approving a contract with Trane U.S. Inc., through the BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative Program, for the purchase, installation, and maintenance of a Trane Chiller for the Embassy Suites San Marcos Conference Center, in the amount of \$368,432.00; authorizing the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the contract on behalf of the city; and declaring an effective date.
12. Consider approval of Resolution 2026-83R, approving an amendment to the Airport Operation and Management Services Agreement with Texas Aviation Partners to fund staff and services related to the implementation of the updated Airport Master Plan, in the amount of up to \$90,500.00 per fiscal year, over four years; authorizing the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the amendment on behalf of the city; and declaring an effective date.
13. Consider approval of Resolution 2026-84R, approving an Interlocal Agreement with Pool Members, through the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool, to acquire and access Group Critical Illness Coverage for qualifying retired firefighters and peace officers as required by House Bill 4144, passed in the 89th Texas Legislative session; authorizing the City Manager, or her designee, to execute said agreement and other documents necessary to acquire the coverage on behalf of the city; and declaring an effective date.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

15. Receive a Staff presentation and hold a public hearing to receive comments for or against Resolution 2026-86R, approving an eighth amended and restated development agreement with Lazy Oaks Ranch, LP, and affiliates, and Hays County governing the development of the La Cima subdivision near the intersection of Old Ranch Road 12 and Wonder World Drive to incorporate procedures previously approved by the City Council for the issuance of debt by the La Cima Municipal Management District No. 1; authorizing the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the agreement on behalf of the city; and providing an effective date; and consider approval of Resolution 2026-86R.

Director of Planning and Development Services Terry Floyd presented the Eighth Amendment to the La Cima development agreement, noting that it formalizes existing financing structures: the three Public Improvement Districts and the newly created La Cima Municipal Management District No. He explained that the district was authorized by 2025 state legislation and development's size or land uses but adds the district as an additional financing tool. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the item in April and was not required to take formal action. Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Hughson opened the public hearing at 6:40 PM.

Those who Spoke:

Developer representative Eric Willis, of 1104 Lafayette Lane, addressed the Council and described outreach efforts his team had conducted with residents of La Cima following the mailing of public hearing notices. He explained that a community meeting was held with a group within the development to clarify that the Municipal Management District would have no financial impact on current residents, applying only to future development and future residents.

The public hearing was closed at 6:42 PM.

A motion was made by Council Member Scott, seconded by Council Member Mendoza to approve Resolution 2026 86R.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Pro Tem Scott, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Garza, Council Member Rodriguez, Mayor Hughson, Council Member Gonzalez, Council Member Mendoza and Council Member Paselk

Against: 0

- 16. Receive a Staff presentation and hold a public hearing to receive comments for or against Ordinance 2026-24, in Case No. PDD-07-02(B), modifying standards for signage within the McCarty Commons Planned Development District comprised of approximately 259.52 acres of land, generally located southeast of the intersection between Interstate Highway 35 and East McCarty Lane, including procedural provisions; and declaring an effective date, and consider approval of Ordinance 2026-24 on the first of two readings.**

Director Floyd presented an amendment to the McCarty Commons Planned Development District to allow a 60-foot monument sign for the H-E-B under construction near IH-35 and East McCarty Lane. The current code limits signs in this area to about 42.5 feet. The proposed sign, featuring a Texas silhouette with San Marcos marked, would replace a previously approved fuel price sign. Director Floyd noted that other corridor signs reach similar heights, including the 66-foot Premium Outlets sign and the 60-foot approved Buc-ee's sign, and cited the site's grade difference as justification. Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval and staff also recommended approval.

Mayor Hughson opened the public hearing at 6:48 PM.

Those who spoke:

Josh Elledge, of 601 Northwest Loop 410, San Antonio, appeared on behalf of the applicant and confirmed his availability for questions. He reiterated the grade separation factor and expressed the view that the sign's aesthetic design — incorporating the state silhouette with San Marcos identified — was

superior to comparable signs along the corridor.

Mayor Hughson closed the public hearing at 6:49 PM.

A motion was made by Council Member Rodriguez, seconded by Council Member Mendoza to approve Ordinance 2026 24 on the first of two readings.

Council members expressed enthusiasm for the sign's design, with several noting its aesthetic quality. Mayor Hughson confirmed support for the existing City gateway sign as well.

The motion carried by the following:

For: 7 - Mayor Pro Tem Scott, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Garza, Council Member Rodriguez, Mayor Hughson, Council Member Gonzalez, Council Member Mendoza and Council Member Paselk

Against: 0

- 14.** Consider approval of Resolution 2026-85R, approving the sale of a tract of property identified as Lot C, Block 1, B.W. Breeding Addition, San Marcos, Hays County, Texas, located at 712 Centre Street, acquired by the San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District, as trustee for all taxing entities, for unpaid property taxes, to Greenwood Brothers Living Trust for \$5,000.00; authorizing the City Manager, or her designee, to execute any deed or instruments necessary to complete the sale; and declaring an effective date.

A motion was made by Mayor Hughson, seconded by Council Member Mendoza to approve Resolution 2026 85R.

Mayor Hughson stated that the item was pulled not out of opposition but to highlight a broader policy goal: the City's longstanding interest in acquiring tax delinquent lots and facilitating the construction of new housing on them. Mayor Hughson expressed hope that the specific purchaser in this case aligned with that objective.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Pro Tem Scott, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Garza, Council Member Rodriguez, Mayor Hughson, Council Member Gonzalez, Council Member Mendoza and Council Member Paselk

Against: 0

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

- 17.** Consider approval of Resolution 2026-87R, appointing Robert Goode to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Alliance Regional Water Authority (ARWA) created by the departure of the Director of Utilities, with a term beginning on May 19, 2026; and declaring an effective date.

A motion was made by Council Member Rodriguez, seconded by Council

Member Mendoza to approve Resolution 2026-87R.

Assistant City Manager Joe Pantalione provided a brief introduction of Robert Goode, who was appointed as Interim Director of Utilities following the departure of Tyler Hjorth. Assistant City Manager Pantalione noted that Mr. Goode brought decades of infrastructure experience, including service as Assistant City Manager for the City of Austin and as interim director of both Austin Water and Austin Energy — a combination described as rare and uniquely qualifying for the role.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Pro Tem Scott, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Garza, Council Member Rodriguez, Mayor Hughson, Council Member Gonzalez, Council Member Mendoza and Council Member Paselk

Against: 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

18. The City Council will convene in executive session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Government Code:

- A. Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters): To deliberate regarding Municipal Court Judge candidate review.
- B. Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney): To receive legal advice regarding the arrest of two individuals near Aquarena Springs Drive and Charles Austin Drive on March 14, 2026.

A motion was made by Council Member Rodriguez and seconded by Council Member Paselk to convene in Executive Session at 6:56 PM.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Pro Tem Scott, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Garza, Council Member Rodriguez, Mayor Hughson, Council Member Gonzalez, Council Member Mendoza and Council Member Paselk

Against: 0

DIRECTION/ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

19. Consider action by motion, or provide direction to Staff related to the City Council's Executive Session under the following sections of the Texas Government Code:

- A. Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters): To deliberate regarding Municipal Court Judge candidate review.

- B. Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney): To receive legal advice regarding the arrest of two individuals near Aquarena Springs Drive and Charles Austin Drive on March 14, 2026.

- C. Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and Section 551.072 (Real Property) to receive legal advice and deliberate regarding the lease of City-owned real property located at 201 South LBJ Drive.

City Council concluded Executive Session at 9:57 PM

Mayor Hughson stated that Council held discussion on Items A and B. Item C was not discussed during Executive Session.

VI. Question and Answer Session with Press and Public.

There were no questions from the press or public.

VII. Adjournment.

Mayor Hughson adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 9:57 PM.

Elizabeth Trevino, City Clerk

Jane Hughson, Mayor